CLAIMS

1. Compounds of formula (1):

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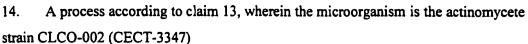
R¹ is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; and

R² is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, or an ethyl group.
- 4. A compound according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom.

- 5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R² is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein R² is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, or an ethyl group.
- 7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein R² is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.
- 8. A compound according to claim 1, wherein: $R^1 \text{ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and}$ $R^2 \text{ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.}$
- 9. A compound according to claim 8, wherein:
 R¹ is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, or an ethyl group; and
 R² is a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, or an ethyl group.
- 10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom and R^2 is a methyl group.
- 11. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are both hydrogen atoms.
- 12. A process for the production of a compound of formula (1), as defined in any one of claims 1 to 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, comprising cultivating a strain of a microorganism capable of producing a compound of formula (1), recovering the compound of formula (1) from the cultured broth, and, optionally, salifying the recovered compound.
- 13. A process according to claim 12, wherein the microorganism is an actinomycete strain.



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- 15. A pharmaceutical composition containing as an active ingredient a compound of formula (1) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 11, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
- 16. A compound of formula (1) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use as a medicament.
- 17. The use of a compound of formula (1) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of malignant tumours in a mammal.
- 18. A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of malignant tumours in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of formula (1) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.